

A Week in Washington,

Flashlight Reproduction of Social, Religious and Literary Movements in the Nation's Capital.

ELEMENTS OF MANHOOD.

Eloquent and Practical Discourse by Bishop Abraham Grant—Migration to Northwest Advised.

Bishop Abraham Grant, one of the towering figures in the A. M. E. Church, delivered an unusually stirring address Tuesday evening of last week at the Second Baptist church, under the auspices of the Sunday School Lyceum of which Mr. R. W. Thompson is president. The Bishop is a master of vigorous English and his analysis of "Three Things that Go to Make a Man" was a convincing array of logic, wit, sarcasm and practical advice. He discountenanced the young cigarette smoking Negro, the girl who "dawnces" the time-wasting "tattler," the purchasable voter, the prophets of evil and the advocates of one-sided education for the race. He advised thrift, economy, good habits, building of sound



BISHOP ABRAM GRANT.

constitutions and true manly principles as the panacea for our evils. He urged activity in the South in every possible phase but thought rather than rear children in an unfavorable atmosphere those who are able should migrate to the rich and free soil of the northwest where the fullest opportunities abound. He inveighed heavily against a wholesale exodus to Africa, as this is our country, and we have out-grown the so-called "fatherland," now parceled out to the nations of Europe. His address was agreeably punctuated by humorous anecdotes. Rev. W. Bishop Johnson presided, and the choir rendered music. Prominent among those present were Hons. George H. White, John P. Green, E. E. Cooper, H. Y. Arnett, Jesse Lawson, Dr. J. R. Wilder and others.

Editor Asbury at Bethel.

Mr. J. C. Asbury, editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal, Philadelphia, Pa. was greeted Tuesday evening of last week at Bethel Literary by a good-sized audience. He spoke on "The Negro and his Ballot." He gave a succinct historical sketch of the science of government, the rights of peoples and how reforms are successfully carried out through suffrage. He counseled the Negro to study the issues, commercial and humane and to adapt himself to the conditions that make best for racial advancement. He did not touch upon political details. Thomas Fortune, who he thought was the best speaker at this time

was of equal importance to suffrage questions—material prosperity and free ballot travelling hand in hand. The discussion was a feature of the evening.

"The Convict Lease System."

The above subject, neglected shamefully by most of our speakers and writers, was given a vigorous treatment Sunday January 26th by Mrs. Frederick Douglass at the Second Baptist Lyceum. A good audience was present despite the rain. Mrs. Douglass manner was sympathetic and her minute recital of the horrors of the convict camps in Georgia and Alabama, where helpless black men and women were held under a system more cruel than slavery, was tragic in its intensity. The scenes described by Mrs. Douglass have not been exceeded in pathos by George Kennan on "Siberia" or by the tales of Weylerism in Cuba. The widow of Frederick Douglass upheld the principles of the race's peerless leader and denounced in inspiring terms the weak-need philosophers of today who failed to speak out against wrong in a hopeless quest for official honor, popularity or money. She held her hearers in rapt attention for an hour or more. Supplementary speeches in earnest vein were made by Judge M. W. Gibbs, T. W. Allen, A. H. Matthews, President Thompson and others. Lieut. R. E. Toomey's "Ode to Douglass" showed his dramatic talent at its best.

Song Service by Asbury Choir.

Despite the very inclement weather of Sunday evening, the Asbury M. E. church was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic audience who turned out to hear another presentation of that master sacred musical setting by Sir Arthur Sullivan, the oratorio, "The Prodigal Son." The choir which numbers about forty persons, was prettily attired in evening costumes, and presented a fine appearance. The music although very difficult was given with marvelous precision and expression, and the chorus showed sympathetic understanding and appreciation for the efforts of the director. Prof. J. Henry Lewis was director, Miss Estelle V. Jarvis organist and Prof. Bernadin Smith violinist.

Baltimoreans Entertained.

A pleasant gathering of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the residence of Miss Mary Fleming Sunday evening, January 26th to meet Miss Bertha Ashland and Mr. Charles Smith of Baltimore. They were entertained by Mr. Alphonzo Harris and others in the afternoon at his residence 1225 New York Ave. After tea with Miss Fleming, they left for the B. and O. station accompanied by Miss Annie Vawter, Miss Fleming, Mr. Will Lee and Leonard Wormley.

Didn't Like "James Crow Cars."

Clarence Summerville, colored, who was arrested here a few days ago, by Special Officer Harding, charged with refusing to ride on a "Jim Crow" car over the Washington Southern Railroad, and also on the charge of being disorderly on a train of that company, was released on \$10 collateral. He left for South Carolina.

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